

ARNAUD LANAUX.

DECEMBER 22, 1831.

MR. CAVE JOHNSON, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of Arnaud Lanaux, of the State of Louisiana, have had the same under consideration, and report:

That the petitioner asks of Congress a confirmation of his claim to a tract of land lying on the left bank of the Mississippi, of eight arpents in front and forty arpents in depth, ten leagues below the city of New Orleans, at a place called the English Turn. It appears to the satisfaction of the committee, from the depositions of Severin Laussier and D. Bouligny, that the claimant, and those under whom he claims, has been in the actual occupancy of the same for the last forty or fifty years, and cultivated the same; and that the land claimed constitutes a part of the sugar plantation now in the possession of the claimant.

It further appears, from the certificate of the Register of the Land Office at New Orleans, that there is among the papers filed in his office a patent for the land now claimed as the property of the petitioner, bearing date the 5th day of March, 1764, — to Delavergne, which recognises title to the present claim, under whom the petitioner claims; but there is no regular chain of conveyances produced from the patentee to the present claimant; nor is any reason assigned for the omission to file his claim with the Commissioners of the Land Office, who have been at various times heretofore authorized to act upon such claims and confirm titles, further than the one given by the claimant in his petition, that he was not aware of the necessity of so doing until since the time elapsed in which the Commissioners of the United States were authorized to act.

The committee are of opinion that the claim of the United States should be relinquished, and the claimant confirmed in his title to the same; and therefore report a bill for his relief.

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December 22, 1891.

Mr. CARR HANCOCK, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of Grand Jurors of the State of Louisiana, have had the same under consideration, and report

That the petitioners ask of Congress a confirmation of the claim to a tract of land lying on the left bank of the Mississippi of eight square feet, front and forty square feet in depth, ten leagues below the city of New Orleans, at a place called the English Turn. It appears to the satisfaction of the committee, from the deposition of Severin J. Lasserre and D. Houdigney, that the claimant, and those under whom the claim has been in the actual occupancy of the same for the last forty or fifty years, and cultivated the same, and that the land claimed constitutes a part of the sugar plantation now in the possession of the claimant.

It further appears from the certificate of the Register of the Land Office at New Orleans, that there is among the papers filed in his office a patent for the land now claimed as the property of the petitioner, bearing date the 3d day of March, 1764. — to his estate, which recognizes title to the present claim, under whom the petitioner claims, but there is no record claim of conveyance produced from the patentee to the present claimant; nor is any reason assigned for the omission to file his claim with the Commission-ers of the Land Office, who have been at various times heretofore authorized to act upon such claims and confirm title, further than the one given by the claimant in his petition, that he was not aware of the necessity of so doing until since the time elapsed in which the Commissioners of the United States were authorized to act.

The committee are of opinion that the claim of the United States should be relinquished, and the claimant recognized in his title to the same, and therefore report a bill for his relief.